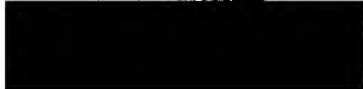


6 May 1952

Mr. John Gunther



Dear Mr. Gunther:

With reference to your letter of 2 May,
I shall be glad to see you at any time on Mon-
day or Tuesday of next week. However, if con-
venient, suggest you come to my office at 3:00 P.M.,
Monday, 12 May.

Sincerely,

W. B. Smith

Walter B. Smith
Director

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JOHN GUNTHER

May 2, 1952

Dear General:

Could you give me an appointment on Monday, May 12th, or Tuesday, May 13th? I write you so far in advance because I know how busy you are, and because I will only have a brief time in Washington.

I believe that Gardner Cowles of Look has already written you. He wants me to do a really bang-up, authentic, serious article on the whole CIA setup and its corollary activities. I know full well that this assignment presents several difficulties, but you can rely on it that I will be discreet.

Besides, I have wanted for a long time to do a kind of brief personality sketch of your good self for future use in the fat book that I am hoping to write one of these days as a sequel to INSIDE USA.

May I see you briefly? I would promise not to take more than an hour of your time. Then, perhaps, you could turn me over to some of the people in your organization for further off the record talk.

In any case I look forward earnestly to the opportunity of seeing you, and I would appreciate it very much if you will let me have a reply to this at your convenience.

With cordial respects and regards,

Yours most sincerely STATOTHR

General Walter Bedell Smith
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